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Macon
September 2nd/ 1864

Maj.

Mr M. G. Hughes has been constantly engaged in erecting Distillery for the State and his services are still necessary. Their importance induces me to ask for a further detail for him — say for sixty days. He will explain to you the cause of his delay which arose from the supposition of Maj. Strong that I had had his detail renewed but which, if intrusted to me I had neglected.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss.

Maj. J. C. Dennis
Enterprise.
Miss.

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Executive Office
Macon Miss Dec 18th 1863.

Captain

Your attention is called to the necessity of
immediate Settlement of your account for m
ies advanced you by Governor Pettus to pro
cure Salt

Respectfully Your
Obedient Servant
Chas Clark

Captain D. S. Patterson
Port Gibson
Miss

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss Dec 24th 1863.

General,

I enclose herewith the opinion of the Atty Gen-
eral of the State, on the subject submitted to me in your
letter of the inst.

I concur with him, in the opinion that
the Executive has no power to act in the premises - & go
further - it is my duty to sustain the judiciary in enforc-
ing their judgements.

As to the question which he has pre-
termitted I am of opinion that the State Courts have con-
current jurisdiction with the Confederate Courts in the
premises, and can grant the writ of "Habeas Corpus" in
all cases of persons detained except by process from
Confederate judicial authority, and on hearing, can dis-
charge the parties if illegally detained. The Congress alone
can remedy the evil if one exists.

I am General with the greate
est respect & personal regard,
Your Obt Servant.
Chas Clark.
Gov of Miss.

Brig Gen. G. T. Pelton
Comg &c Montgomery Ala.

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss, Jan 3rd 1864.

Sir

I have recd yours of the Dec 21st this evening. The
proposition of Miss Norman & Co has also been recd. I am
far from agreeing with you that it is "just & fair" They
do not deny that they have failed to comply with
this contract, or that in violation of it they have
sold large quantities of Salt which should have been

delivered to the State. The proposition I was led to expect from your Statement to me was a very different one from what they now make. It includes the delivery up to the State of an amount of Salt, equal to all sold by them. Will they do this? They speak of the penalty of their bond - that was but a security. They are liable upon their Contract. If they desire an amicable adjustment let them propose something else than what they have offered.

Mr Phillips when last heard from was in Jackson. I hope all the old business will be speedily wound up, as it is in a very unsatisfactory condition. I have no desire to oppress any one, and am willing to approve of a just settlement of all past transactions.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas. Clarke

Mr N. C. Turner
Enterprise Miss.

Executive Office
Macon Miss January 14 1864

Sir

Enclosed I send you printed copy of act requiring me to procure blank bonds &c —
Please inform me on what terms you will furnish the plates, paper &c — and print. say 1,000 to 5000 bonds — Send me a Sample of the paper — the size of the bonds suggested — and the price of plates, cost of paper and printing — Seine — and any Suggestion as to their Execution that may be necessary to enable me to accept your proposition without delay or further Correspondence

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Chas Clarke

Col Blanton Duncan
Columbia, S.C.

Macon January 19th 1864

Lt Thompson

In answer to your inquiry. I can say that Gov Pettus informs me that President Davis and the General Commanding this Department promised that all the State Troops then in Service (to wit in Sept. last) should remain in State Service until further orders. under this understanding the State troops of that date are not liable to conscription until ~~further~~ ordered by the Secretary of war

Your Obedt Servt
Chas Clarke
Gov of Miss

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Executive Office
Macon Miss Jany 21st 1864

General

Enclosed I send for your information and such action as you may deem proper, affidavit of A. Gibb and letter of Major Epperson. I would prefer that redress in all such cases of wrong should come from the Military rather than the Civil power — The officers Captain Johnston and Col Boggs are also charged with gross dereliction of duty —

I am General with great respect Your Obed't Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Lt General L. Polk
Commanding &c
Meridian
Miss

Macon Jany 31st 1864

Col

I am to day in receipt of yours of yesterday — I have written to Major L. C. Dennis in full on the subject — He is charged by Genl Polks order with the superintendence of the impressments in Miss — Please communicate with him

I am very respectfully
Your Obed't Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Col F. S. Blount
Mobile Miss

Macon Jany 31st 1864

Governor

I had the honor to receive by the hands of Col Blount your letter in relation to the defences of Mobile and procuring of slave labor for the completion of its fortifications —

Lt Gen Polk by his order of 28th inst. has given the subject so far as Miss is concerned, in charge of Maj L. C. Dennis Provost Marshall Gen (at Mobile) and I have written him to day, giving such information as desired: and shall give such aid as may be necessary and proper

I have the Honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

His Excellency
J. H. Watts
Gov of Ala —

Macon Miss Jany 31st 1864

Major

I received to day yours of 24th inst enclosing Copy of Gen Polks Special order no 28 — I send you list of Counties each of Pearl River and the Miss Cen R R and the number of Slaves in each as from the last annual returns — West of Said road and River it would be impolitic to make impressments, as in a late attempt of the Kind many Slaves fled to the enemy. I think also it should not be enforced in the Counties of Tishamingo, Tippah, Pontotoc and Itawamba and those on the Gulf Coast on account of the facilities of escape. — I advised Col Blount in such Cases to appoint agents to hire such as their owners were willing to attempt to remove —

The remaining Counties, especially those on the Mob & R. R. produce the bulk of the grain that will be required for the Army and it is desired that no more than are absolutely required should be taken — as the planting season is near and the planters have commenced planting &c Unless you should determine to send officers of the army I would advise the appointment of the Sheriffs as agents

I am Major
Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Major S. G. Dennis
Provost Marshal Gen
Mobile Ala

Macon Miss Feb 3d 1864

Dr E M Blackburn
Newburn Ala

Until now I have been unable to ascertain your locality so as to address you —

The "Act authorizing the appointment of two medical Commissioners (of whom you were one) was repealed by act approved Nov 25th 1863 You will please to make to me your final report for Settlement

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Chas Clark

What is the address of Dr Holt? Please send him notice of the repeal of the act

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Executive Office
Illinois Nov 6th 1864

Sir

I enclose the Letter of Capt Orr. Delay with the Endorsements of Brig. Genl Chetlain that the facts are true, also of Mrs Erickson with Genl C's acknowledgement, that she is one of many cases of like kind. Numerous Similar Complaints are made to me — The actions of the officers seem to me to be illegal. If the facts have transgressed the law let them be prosecuted — By actual authority as Confiscation of their Wagons &c is added to the Statutory penalties & adjudicated by Military Tribunals

In the Case of a Mrs Poots, a writ of replevin was served on by the owners — Genl Chetlain forbid the execution of the process in the hands of the Sheriff — I respectfully request that orders be issued, that the Civil process shall in all Cases be respected and that the property be delivered to the owners —

I shall in all Cases endeavor to prevent a collision of Civil and Military Powers, but cannot refuse my support to the officers of this Law when their authority is Questioned —

The Endorsements on the enclosed papers show but little regard for Civil rights or Civil Law

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Illinois

Hon Jas. A. Seddon
Sec'y of War
Richmond
Va

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 1st 1864

Col

Your letter of 19th ult was received yesterday - I send enclosed a memorandum from the Auditors office of Names of Sheriffs and number of Slaves (of all ages and both sexes) in the counties named by You - Since the date of the assessments many Slaves, especially men slaves have been removed from the larger counties -
I have already advised you that it would be impolitic to impress slaves west of the central R. R, and west of Pearl River - The slaves there are easily alarmed and have facilities for escape to the enemy, and that portion of the State has heretofore furnished a large amount of labor for the R. R. and the fortifications at Vicksburg and Port Hudson and elsewhere on the Miss River

I am Col very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Charles Clark
Governor of Mississippi

Col. J. S. Blount
Chf Agt of Impressments
Mobile Ala

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 7th 1864

Genl

Enclosed I send you a copy of the act of the Legislature authorizing the transfer of the State troops to Confederate Service - As the interests of the service requires that what ever is done, should be done without delay, and as you may have authority without referring to the Secty of War, I propose to you to turn over, under the act two or three regiments of Cavalry now under command of Maj Gen Gholson - They have in their possession some three or four hundred horses the property of the State, which I will transfer under the provisions of the law to C S, if you have authority to receive and pay for them and so arrange as not to dismount the men - I propose to retain in State Service as a military police force one thousand men - A number of companies and portions of companies have been already enlisted sufficient it is believed to make up the desired police force Enlisted from men not liable to conscription at the time of enlistment, but as their muster rolls have not been received, I cannot report the number - until they are organized for service, I shall return a portion of Gen Gholson's command - I ask your views on the subject before I address the Secty of War

I am Gen very respectfully
Your Obed Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Lt Genl. L. Polk
Comdy &c

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Executive Office
Macon Miss April 11 1864

Sir

The Law of the State requires me if possible "to procure for the amount funded" (the $4,000,000 deposited by the treasurer at your office) "one fourth of said amount in one hundred dollar bonds one half in five hundred dollar bonds, and one fourth in thousand dollar bonds" — Inform me if this can be done and when and where — I am authorized to sell them, giving commission not exceeding 1 per ct on proceeds. — Please inform me as to the best means of doing this —

The remainder of the notes are to be exchanged for the new currency under the act of congress — If the remaining $100 notes cannot be thus exchanged (and it is supposed we have some $400,000) (they have not yet been counted) they are to be invested in 6 per cts and also sold — advise me as to this also — I shall be obliged to you for such advice as you may be pleased to offer —

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt —
Chas Clark
Governor of Mississippi

Hon Jas M Whitfield
Columbus
Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss April 16 1864

Hon C. G. Memminger,
Secty of Treasury
Richmond Va

Previous to the 1st inst the Treasurer of Mississippi deposited with Hon James Whitfield at Columbus Miss four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) to be funded for the State in four per cent bonds — The act of the Legislature which directed such funding provides that "the Governor is directed if possible to procure for the account funded, one fourth of said amount in one hundred dollar bonds, one half in five hundred dollar bond and one fourth in thousand dollar bonds" — to wit

100,	bonds of $100,	each	$10,000
400	" "	500	"	200,000
100		1000	"	100,000

Will you direct the bonds &c to be issued and made payable to the State Treasurer of the State of Mississippi in such manner that they may be assignable by his indorsement —

I am Sir, very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Charles Clark
Governor of Mississippi

Executive Office
Macon. April 27, 1864.

Whereas in the County of Jasper, as I am informed by the President of the Board of Police, the said Board has been unable to carry into execution the provisions of the act entitled "an act to better provide for the families of soldiers" approved Dec. 2nd 1863. I do hereby appoint as Commissioners for said County of

Seat of Ino. 1. Joseph R. Moseley.
" " 2 James C. Bull,
" " 3 William Harrison
" " 4 H. Chew
" " 5 Ino. H. Woolfork.

I do also appoint Fountain Parks of said agent for said County to aid in Carrying out the provisions of said Law. In case the Treasurer of said County, shall not have before executed his Bond according to the provisions of the Second Section of said act, then said agent shall execute such Bond in the penalty of twenty thousand Dollars, with Security to be approved by the Governor to enable said agent to receive and disburse, the funds to which said County is entitled for the purposes specified in said act. The Returns of said Commissioners will be made through said agent to the Governor. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Milledgeville this 29th Day of April 1864.

Charles Clarke

By the Governor
A. Bruce
Secretary of State

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Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 26th 1864

Genl

I have appointed the 31st inst to assemble the State cavalry at Tupelo for transfer to confederate service, of this I have informed Capt Hough—

I see many difficulties under the law of the State which directs their transfer and reorganization and the disposition of the horses belonging to the State, But they shall go over to be discharged — As the regiment of Col McGuirk is one of those to be transferred, it is very desirable that they should be paid the amount due them for the time they were in confederate service (some five or six months are due them) also for pay for horses killed in battle — At least, in prospect of the great changes of both regimental and company officers which may occur on the reorganization, it is necessary that they be mustered for the pay due and the pay rolls properly certified and to those men who cannot be reenlisted, the proper papers may be delivered to enable them to collect the amount due them —

I ask you therefore to send an officer empowered to do this — A part of the transportation in their possession must be returned for State use, so much as can be spared will be turned over at reduction

I am Genl very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Charles Clark
Gov of Miss

Lt Gen L. Polk
Comdg &c
Demopolis Ala

Executive Chamber
Macon Miss April 26 1864

Genl

The people of Mississippi have heretofore by their domestic industry done much to clothe the army — They are now greatly in want of cotton cards and other articles which are necessary to the manufacture of clothing for themselves and the soldiers I can procure them by sending to memphis and new Orleans cotton to pay for them and by no other means — I need not send more than two thousand bales for this purpose —
I ask you to give an order exempting such cotton as I may send to any point, from molestation by your troops — and such articles as may be purchased in exchange —

This operation cannot for obvious reasons be conducted in the name of the state, I therefor ask that you trust to my discretion as the Executive of the State and grant the protection to such cotton as I may order not exceeding the amount

specific

I am Genl
With high regard
Your Obedt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Lt Gen S Polk
Comdg &c
Demopolis Ala

Executive Office
Macon Miss May 7. 1864

His Excellency
Jefferson Davis
President, C. S.
Richmond Va
Sir

I enclose herewith the Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi recommending Gen S. D. Gholson to be appointed to command the brigade of State troops transferred to the confederate Service - The transfer has been made - They consist of three regiments and two battalions all cavalry - I have not received the rolls, but am informed that the aggregate is not less than 2400 men & officers, There was on the day of transfer not less than 1511 present for duty - mounted -

I enclose also the petition of the commissioned officers of the command -

I fully concur in the recommendation and believe that the interest of the Service will be thus promoted - The majority of these troops have been some twelve months in the Cavalry service under Gen Gholson, have been under fire, all behaved in a gallant manner in the late affairs in North Miss against the enemy under Smith and Grierson - They are attached to Gen Gholson, believe in him and will follow where he leads, and he has the ability and courage to lead them to the front

I have just returned from an inspection and review of these troops and knowing their confidence in Gen Gholson I feel that I cannot too earnestly urge upon Your Excellency the appointment of Gen Gholson to this command -

I am with the highest respect
Your Excellency's
Obedt Servt
Charles Clark
Governor of Miss

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Executive Office
Macon Miss. May 21st 186

Hon. E. L. Thornton
Jackson Miss.

I have directed Messrs Cooper & Kimball (late State Printers) to submit for your opinion, what I ask, the amount for publishing the Laws & Journals of Session of Nov. & Dec. 1863. —

Should an item be approved & paid without a voucher?

Can an item be allowed & paid under act of Dec. 8th '63, — except for "paper, ink, Composition, press work, folding & stitching"?

If yes, Can the allowance of 25 per ct. be paid on such other items?

If items without vouchers can be allowed, on what proof, especially as to item of $6834 37/100, for paper which is alleged to have been purchased previous to the act of Dec. '63?

What proof should be required (if any) in addition to the affidavit of one of the parties, of the actual cost, at the ordinary Market value of the paper &c

Respectfully &
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss.

Macon May 24th 1864

Capt-

I am informed that L. A. Ragsdale deputy Sheff. of Lauderdale Co., is in Conscript Camp at Enterprise. That he is there not by his own voluntary enlistment. That he was not an enrolled Conscript at the time of his appointment — Under these circumstances he can not be detained. — Will you please state whether I have been correctly informed. — It seems some prejudice exists against Mr Ragsdale & he has some bitter enemies I only know him in this matter, as an officer of the State appointed as I am informed & as he must show you according to the law authorizing such appointments & it is not for you or me to say that such appointments are unnecessary when made by the officer duly authorized by law to make them by the abuse of power by the Sheff., if any such there has been is to be enquired into in a different way — Please write me in regard to this case, as it is my duty to inquire into it & all cases of officers of the State, forced into C. S. Service

Very respectfully your obt. Servt
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Capt- When coming at Enterprise Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss May 24, 1864

To his Excellency
Thos. H. Watts
Gov. of Ala

Gov.

Enclosed herewith I send a copy of correspondence, between Gen. Sec'y agent of Miss & the commissioners of Govs. State, I understand that the applications for exemptions or details referred to were solely for citizens of Miss & I see no impropriety in such details being made for the benefit of Soldiers families in Miss. as well as for citizens of your State of Ala.

If however it is objected to by you it will not be desired by me.

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Executive office
Macon, Miss. May 27, 1864.

Capt.

I received yours of 20th inst. I feel confident that I have in my Proclamation of 9th day 1864, taken the proper position — The question of doubt is whether you can judge of the above by the appealing person, and apply a remedy, and whether the remedy is not to be judged of in the manner provided by law — I have to day submitted the whole matter to the Atto. Genl of the State, for his opinion by which I expect to be guided, — I have requested him to send a copy of his opinion to you, which you will receive by the same mail from Jackson, the case of Mr Rago does not be made a question for decision, and I have accordingly sent him see the papers in the case — I shall be pleased to see and counsel with you on all matters arising that you may desire a conference in regard to.

I am Capt
Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Charles Clark
Gov. Miss

Capt Wm
Conting
Enterprise
Miss

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Executive Office
Macon Miss. May 27/1864

Genl,

I send herewith enclosed Correspondence with Capt. [illegible] Commanding at Enterprise in relation to Card of L. A. Ragsdale, and desire your opinion in the premises,

1st As to the right of Execution of State Civil or district officers elected or appointed under the Constitution and Laws of the State (see the terms of My Proclamation of 9th Inst. enclosed)

2d As to the Card of Exemption Claimed by L. A. Ragsdale under these Proclamation, and the one (also enclosed) of April 2, 1864.

3d. What remedy can be applied in Card of the abuse of appointing Levies,

Please return the enclosed written documents, and send a copy of your opinion to Capt Green at Enterprise

I am Genl
Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas Clark

Hon T. J. Wharton
Atty Genl
Jackson
Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss. June 4th 1864

Sir

Yours of the 24th April is just received proposing for certain parties to furnish supplies to the State to cost at 50 pr ct profit on "cost & charges) to be paid for in Cotton at 6 pence sterling in Mexico & certain exemptions & privileges for the Ships &c

I have already made arrangements which if successful, will equally (more) advantageous to the State — Three or four weeks will determine the question of success & until then (4th of July) I do not desire to make further arrangements the terms proposed are not such as I consider advantageous to the State, considering present prices of cotton —

I see by references to the documents in this office that some cottons were ordered to your care by my Predecessor — Will you please inform me whether they were rec'd & if so what disposition made of them

I am Sir Very respectfully
Your friend & Obd. Servt.
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Dr L. P. Blackburn
care of Virginia Robertson & Co
Havana Cuba

Macon Miss June 4th 1864

Genl

Enclosed is a communication from Gen Cooper offering appointment of Brig. Genl — P.A.C.S. to Col Wm L. Brandon — As I have ordered my Mounted men to report to you & I have no couriers — Can you send it to his residence in Wilkinson co — It is important to be delivered without delay & I hope you may be able to do so Please telegraph me on receipt of this

I am Genl very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Brig. Genl
Mist Adams
Jackson Miss

June 8th 1864 — a Letter from Gov. Clark to H.M Haley Shff of of Copiah copied by Mistake on the Journal

Macon June 10th 1864

Dear Sir

Since my last letter to you, there has been paid from the Treasury the sum of over 15,000$ debts in amount of Jail fees in Holmes co. for Criminals awaiting trial — I am informed also five terms of the circuit court of Holmes have passed unattended by you — There is certainly great necessity for a term — The Shff of that county Himself need some attention if as I am informed he permits the stills of that county, Several in number to continue in operation

This is the case as I am informed in several counties in your district

Would it not be advisable to hold special terms in some of those counties to dispose of criminal docket & let the officers & people know that the laws are to be enforced

Very respectfully your Obdt Servt
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss

Hon R. S. Henderson
Edinburg
Leak Co. Miss

P. S. The amt. stated is the amt claimed, but only 1176 $ has yet been pd — balance suspended

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Executive Chamber
Albany Feb 6
1865

Sir. I have received your letter of the 1st inst. requesting me to make
to the Secretary of the Treasury
I cannot comply with the request. I have no power under the laws of this State to issue [illegible] to state agents in order that they may
discharge the necessary duties in the collection of the War Department
Claims. Congress can only [illegible] such duties. If you will address it to the
President or to Confederate Officers, your letter will be returned by the
President or Secretary without the disposition of [illegible] of the Act
11 of the act of [illegible] entitled an act for the [illegible] and the [illegible]
of States.
I do not [illegible] that any of the persons to whom [illegible] is
[illegible] entitled to receive [illegible] from the Treasury of this State,
and of course [illegible] any power to issue [illegible] of the Treasury
[illegible] Claims. State agents [illegible] are [illegible] to [illegible] their Commissions
[illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Certificate [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the Treasurer of the United States, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with the Warrant Certified by the Auditor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Salaries because the Auditor is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Long Branch [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the Treasury [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Commissioners [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to the Treasurer [illegible]
I cannot therefore comply with your request [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the Treasurer of the [illegible] State.

Chas Eagle
Gov of Mich

Col Wm Sinclair
Asst Treas Confederate
Richmond Va

(Copy).

Executive Office
Macon Miss June 18th 1864

Col

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. in reply to my telegram to the Secretary of war of the 13th ult.

I can not concur in the opinion, that it is the duty of the Governor of a State, to issue personal certificates to each officer in the State that his services are necessary for the administration of the State Government, & that Congress can impose such duty —. It may impose it on the President as to Confederate officers; yet I am informed that to Confederate Officers no such certificates have been issued by the President, or been required, altho. the language of Pa. 2. of Sec 10 of the act, is the same both as to the President and the Governors of States. —

I do not conceive that Congress has the power to conscribe civil Officers of a State, or that they derive their right of exemption from the Act of Congress or from the certificate of the Governor, but by virtue of their office —. I enclose herewith the resolution of the Legislature of this State approved by me on the 4th day of April last, on this Subject.

I see no practical difficulties in the way of your enrolling officers. State officers claiming exemptions can produce their commissions or other evidence of election or appointment: My personal certificate can be no higher evidence. How could I certify except on the production of the same evidence. — Your enrolling Officers can in the various counties do this with dispatch & I see no reason why I should become the Auditor to report my opinion to them. — How long would it take me to examine the papers of fifteen hundred or two thousand officers & grant certificates & to attend to the Correspondence necessary in such a case — Would not the work be done as well & more speedily by your numerous officers in the different Counties &c.

I enclose herewith my proclamation in relation to exemptions & have the honor to be

Your Obdt. Svnt
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

(Signed)

Col John S. Preston
Supt. Bureau Conscription
Richmond Va.

Executive Office
Jackson Miss June 18 1864

Governor-

I enclose herewith a letter from Hon J M Acker a gentleman well known to me, and of high standing-
I also enclose a copy of the late statute of Miss on the subject of Distilleries-
I shall enforce the law in this state, and deem its important Revenue Regulations should be a cause of Articles when our Confederate Armies are disbanded, which it is to be hoped will soon be done-

I am Governor
With great Respect
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Chs Clark
For Miss

Macon June 20th 1864

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th inst. just rec.d — There is no statute that I recollect on subject — of deputies except in Revised Code of 1857 — The subject was not acted upon by the last Legislature or brought before them by me — You have the power by law to appoint "one or more" deputies — This is a matter in the sound discretion of the Sheriff The power has probably been abused by some Sheriffs — For such abuse of power they may be presented to the Grand Jury — In some counties it is necessary that the Sheriff should have a large force of deputies Whether it is so in Yours, is a matter for you to judge, under the responsibilities of your office

This was for the purpose of guarding against abuse of the power that I required the approval of the Judge of Probate & Pres. of Board of Police — But even this & the fear of Grand Juries has not restrained some from making very improper appointments

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss

Sheriff of Yazoo co.
Yazoo city
Miss

Macon Aug 21

Sir

I inform Capt Evans that I now have at-
leaves of rendezvous as reported 2600 men & believe
I will have 3600 by the last of the week. Gen.
Forrests movements require a large force to be sent
to Okolona He urges this immediately & only
want arms. Gen Maury says 700 arms would
be sent them today & 1000 tomorrow — Jno Adams
gram says 700 will be sent them today & 500 to
Meridian tonight. If you receive only 500 tonight
send them to Okolona — if 1000 send half here &
half to Okolona — That is send only 500 to Okolona
as ordered by telegram this morning

Col Stevens is
ordered here & will probably be at Meridian this
evening — Tell Capt Evans not to remit exertions
until we have on the way at least 5000 arms &
Accoutrements with ammunition

The troops are
good & will render good service & the matter is
of vital importance

Yours &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Mr F. M. Brown
State Ordenance Officer
Meridian

Macon July 22nd 1864

Sir

I am informed that there is a certain distillery
in your county in operation in violation of law of which
you have been notified and yet have not provided
to abate it as required by law — I respectfully refer you
to the act entitled "an act to prevent the distillation of
Spirituous liquors" & approved 1st Feb. 1864 & especially
to the 4th section of the act —

Requesting a reply I remain
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Manly D. Giles
Esq. Okawamba
Fulton Miss

P. S. There is a new distillery near Booneville
as I am informed

Macon 28th Jan. 1865-

Genl.

Enclosed I send letter of Genl Forrest recd yesterday which when read please return - I also have received numerous letters from officers of C. S. (one from Maj Genl Beauregard) requesting a call of the Militia in their counties to apprehend deserters shoddyizers &c. At request of Genl Hodge I authorized him to call out the Militia of his district a few days since I think the militia can still be made useful & if you approve will call out all in the state for thirty days In the mean time the Legislature will meet & no doubt will extend the time - I recommend that the men over 50 years be organized at home for service in their counties in sending forward deserters &c

It will be necessary that you should issue the order that they may receive rations forage &c You will note the remark of Genl Forrest as to arms ammunition &c I have about two thousand stand of arms & not exceeding 15 rounds to each arm; but have some 100 000 Cartridges for Cal 69 & 75 to spare - Can arrangements be made for say 3000 arms &c for Militia

I think I can get 5000 men - I wrote you to Tupelo a closing copy of letter to Genl Brandon as to turning over state troops to C. S. If some such arrangement is not made immediately those troops will be lost to the service. For if Genl B. attempts as he now has the power to do to conscribe & enroll them they will evade the service but will as I am informed go over with their present organizations If necessary they can be organized & consolidated as C. S. troops after transfer.

I am Genl.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Servt
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Lt Genl S. D. Lee
Meridian

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Auditor's Office
Placer County, June 21, 1870

Sir,

By your Report in Nov 1869. there appears a balance in the Treasury of $824.46 23/100, on 1st Nov 1869. and by the Treasurer's Report of Auditor, that there was paid into the Treasury in Nov & Dec 1869. the further sum of $60.80 95/100 making in all $87.401 88/100. There occurs entries on the Books in the Treasury Department, showing how this sum was disposed of by you — no warrants or vouchers, or other credits in your favour ~~of your Report~~ to be found after your statement supposed sum of $8.741 01/88, and produced the evidence to the Auditor in the proper office.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas. Clark
Gen. Surv.

Hon. E. L. Harvey
Sac. City
Calif.

Executive Office
Macon Miss June 28, 1864

Genl

I respectfully submit for your consideration the following statements this day made to me, On or about 13th inst four men named Blount, Hodder, Mask and Peterson were apprehended by a squad of Cavalry (said to be from Col. Wood's Regiment) and taken to the woods near Concord Church, on the old telegraph Road from Yazoo City to Vicksburg, They were then ordered to Kneel, and deliberately shot, Hodder and Mask were Killed, Peterson left for dead, and Blount escaped with two wounds, all the wounds were in front, Blount has been under the Care of Drs Reed & Vaughan, of Benton, to whom and to Maj. Vaughan, I am referred for the facts, also to Mr Thompson living near Concord Church who buried Hodder and Mask,

I respectfully refer the matter to you.

I am Genl,
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) Chas Clark

Maj. Gen Mrt. Adams
Jackson
Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss June 30th 1864

Sir

I desire to ship from the port of Mobile some twenty five hundred bales of cotton, to procure cotton & wool cards, Medicines & other articles of necessity for destitute families of Soldiers of this state —. Not having the regulations (or even a copy of the laws) I desire such orders as may be necessary to be sent to Mobile as will enable me to effect this shipment by vessels chartered by me or otherwise as may be in accordance with the statute

I should be glad to be posted as to what may be necessary & to have the necessary papers sent me

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Hon. C. G. Memminger
Secy Treasury
Richmond
Va

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Executive Office Macon Miss
June 30th 1864

Gen.'

I have ordered three companies of state troops to report to you for orders.

Judge West will inform you of two other companies, formed in the N. W. part of the state for state service — I did not intend to receive any more companies into state service, but if you need them I will muster them & send them to you for the present — They will be in the pay of the state, but while under your orders, they must be rationed & foraged by you & you can discharge them when you wish & return them to me

I can furnish Arms (Muskets) & ammunition, but no accoutrements at present. — Judge West, (who is captain of one of them) will give you such further information as you desire — If you wish you can issue the order to Maj B Lythe, to take command of three companies & muster them into state service, as they will not be received unless you want them

Very respectfully
Yours &c
Chas. C Clark.
Gov. Miss

(Maj Gen. N. B. Forrest
commanding at
Tupelo
Miss.

Macon July 2nd 1864

Dear Sir — In reply to your letter asking certificates for certain State officers — I enclose as an expression of my views my answer to the Superintendent of the Conscript-Bureau — Inasmuch that my views differ from yours on this subject — I shall shortly convene the Legislature, who have the power if they see proper to subject State officers to Confederate duty & shall submit the matter to them — I shall not issue certificates unless the Legislature or the Courts declare it necessary

Very respectfully
Your Obd. Serv.
Chas - Clark
Gov. Miss

Hon J. D. Wharton
Jackson — Miss.

P. S. The remedy is by "Habeas corpus" & no order of the Pres. has prevented this

Executive Office
Macon July 4th 1864

Gen!

General Forrest desires all the assistance that can be rendered him. I have sent him the few state companies I have in this part of the State — If you see proper you can send the enclosed order, with such as you see proper to issue to Maj Montgomery in Bolivar co. His Battalion consists of three companies & one detachment aggregating over 200 men — I send it to you as part of your force are stationed as a contingent reinforcement to Forrest and as he asked particularly for this force — If you do not wish this force — please send the order back to me — otherwise send it to Maj. Jr.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss

Brig. Gen[l]. W. Adams
Jackson Miss

P. S. — I yesterday issued a call for all men capable of bearing arms to assemble at Brandon & Artesia
This office consideration with Lt. Gen[l] Lee

C.

Executive Off.
Macon July 4th 1864

Gen[l]

I enclose herein the letter of Maj Dennis in relation to the subject of yours to me of the 28th ult. I regret that I cannot comply with your request to furnish certificates to the Officers named. After full consideration of the subject I can but adhere to the opinion declared in my proclamation of the 9th of May last. Could I give by my certificate a higher evidence to the Officers of the State than that they now hold? Would it be accepted as evidence in any court? Take the case of one of the officers named by you — the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum is not appointed by me — no record of his appointment is in my possession — this office is specially exempted by the III Par. of Sec. 10 of the Act of 17th Feby. I cannot accept the position of Auditor for the Bureau of Conscription to report to them. Congress cannot impose this duty on me — it may impose it on the President. Although the language of the Statute is the same as to the Pres[t] & Gov. yet I am informed he gives me such certificates

(Turn over)

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The requirement is not only absurd but impracticable. How long would it take & what amount of labor & correspondence, to examine the claims of all Officers to exemption — and where should the line be drawn? The law supposes all to be necessary for the Service of the State & the Legislative power alone can make the exception — I cannot — Nor can I certify that each individual entitled to exemption is necessary for the due administration of the State Government. I declare it as a legal proposition — but shall very cheerfully approve a bill to relieve many State & County Officers —

Very respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss

Hon— A. G. Thornton
Jackson
Miss.

Macon July 13th 1864

Sir

Yours of 2nd inst. just receivd. stating that it is the opinion of Col Walworn & yourself that there should be be a large police force in Choctaw Co, — From information I have recd. I concur in that opinion — You are the judge of the number required — Get the sanction of the Judge of Probate & Pres. of Board of Police — You must appoint men not conscribed or enrolled — In your county you must be very careful in your selection or you will get some who will do more harm than good — There is no compensation but the fees allowed by law & the rewards for deserters — The Board of Police have power to appropriate for pay for police force

Your obdt. Servt.
Chas. Clark
Gov. of Miss

D. C. Platner
Greensboro
Choctaw Co — Miss

Macon Miss July 14th 1864

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Hon A. G. Brown in relation to Conduct of Conductor A. E. Mason, which should receive decided notice — The remedy in your hands may prove sufficient without resorting to proceedings at law

Awaiting your answer
I am Sir respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Gen Bocock Pres. K. & K.
Demopolis Ala

Executive Office
Macon Miss July 19th 1864

Dear Sir

I am informed that for several weeks, the officers of the M. & O. R. R. have refused to have sent private freight & have required it to be turned over to the express Co. for transportation & that the company charges exorbitant prices for instance, on the article of flour — eleven dollars per 100 to Mobile from this point

I deem it proper to make the state street known to you & to request such information as you may see proper to give on the subject

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas Clark
Gov. of Miss

Hon Miller Brown
Pres. M. & O. R. R.
Mobile — Ala

Montgomery July 23rd 1864

Governor

I have the honor to inform you that the application has been made for the detail of Salt Contractors with the state of Miss. operating in the state of Ala, and to request that you will furnish this office with a list of such persons as are really under contract with the state of Mississippi now operating in this state separating those of the Reserve classes from those between the ages of 18 & 45 — accompanying said list by your certificate for the necessity for the detail in each case — Pending the reception of your reply instructions have been given Enrolling officers not to molest your Salt Contractors Awaiting your early response I am

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
P. C. Lockhart
Lt. Col. commanding for Ala

His Excellency
Gov. Clark
Macon Miss.

Endorsed on the back of above letter by Gov. Clark

Referred to Col J. A. Phillips for report of names ages & of Contractors & employees &

Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

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Executive Office
Macon July 29 1864

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 23d inst. was rec'd to day. The question you propound in regard to the exemption of State officers is in my opinion a purely judicial one, and not affected by my Proclamation. They are but declarations of My opinion, & do not consider them as the Certificate required by the act of Congress. I have declared that all officers of the State are exempt from service to the Confederate States, this exemption arises from the prior right of the State (by virtue of their election or appointment prior to their muster or enrollment) and no act of Congress, can deprive the State of their services. If the Congress can deprive a State of one of its officers, it may of all, and thus annul her sovereign power, and destroy her government. I have therefore refused to issue Certificates to officers of the State as now contemplated by the Act of Congress, and leave the question to the Courts. Whether officers of political Corporations, and officers of the State, in the sense above spoken of is a question of some difficulty, but that also being purely Judicial. I Must leave it to your decision, I will only say that in the case mentioned by you (the alderman of a town) if they are exempt from Military service, the Legislature should appoint all such officers,

Your previous letter on the same subject was rec'd too late to answer by the time specified,

Expect this reply will, on the end of the Meeting of the Legislature, I am very much pressed with business.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas Clark

Hon R. J. Hudson
Edinburg
Leake Co
Miss

Macon Aug 2nd 1862

Gen'l

All the State troops have been ordered to report to Brig. Gen. W. Adams except three, of these last, two are efficient & were with Gen Forrest in the late operations in North Miss. They are now in Winston & Kemper Cos. & ready for orders. There are a number of companies of minute men (militia) who may be made available & by a call some few hundreds of militia may be obtained.

I regret to send you such a "beggarly amount" If you should deem the emergency so pressing as to require it. I will make the call. Please keep me posted by telegraph. I hope the Legislature which meets tomorrow will make some beneficial changes in the military laws —

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Clark
Gov of Miss —

Maj Gen D. H. Maury

Executive Office
Macon Miss Aug. 4th 1862

Maj

Maj Sloan at Mobile informs Col. J. A. Phillips Gen'l Asst Agent of Miss. that if the Commandant of Conscripts in Miss. will approve the appointments made by him & approved by me, that the conscript officers in Ala will respect them. I send Capt. Dunning with them to you & hope you will be able so to arrange that they may meet no further interruption in their labors which are of vital importance to the State

I am Major
very respectfully &
Chas Clark
Gov. of Miss

Maj D. H. Dennis

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Macon Aug 8th 1864

Genl

Your letter with the papers relating to the distillery of Sanders & Passmore is received I do not conceive that there can be any doubt that there can be any doubt of the constitutionality of the act empowering as it declares distilleries public nuisances and authorizing their abatement. Illegal distilleries (being the enemies for the violation of several statutes) are indictable at common law and by an order of the courts exercised be abated; Much more then can they be liable to abatement by Statute - The only part of the law in regard to which there can be a question is that part which confiscates the property and I have refused to take it for the use of the state

At Common law an abatement of a nuisance means such a destruction as renders the continuance of the nuisance impossible. I have therefore in all cases directed the stills the worms and the implements to be cut up and destroyed So as to render them incapable of further mischief but the materials to be returned to the owners & respectfully request that your order this to be done with the articles seized. That is cut or marked up & the copper given back to the owners

I am Genl very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.

Brig. Genl Asst Adjt Genl
Commanding
Jackson Miss.

Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Ex. Office
Aug 12th 1864

Gentlemen

I have carefully considered the application made in behalf of J N Jordan & do not consider that it is proper to grant the relief sought under the case as presented

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Messrs Barnett & Yandell
Represen. Jasper
Macon Miss

Macon Aug 15th 1864

Genl

I send Col Stewart to Jackson to collect all arms & ordnance stores belonging to the State now necessary for troops actually in the field & informally to inspect the State troops

I request you to give to him such authority & assistance as may be necessary as the troops being under your orders

I give none except with your sanction & shall leave them for the present entirely subject to you & the Commander of the department

Over the 14th July

I ordered Capt Routte to report to you for orders, As he may not have received it, I sent another to him by messenger yesterday. I shall have an opportunity of sending to Maj Montgomery in Bolivar. As he seems not to have received your order I will send another

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Brig. Genl W. Adams
Jackson. Miss

Executive Office
Macon July 17th 1864

Maj

As this emergency requires the immediate service of all men capable of bearing arms I have ordered the Commanding officers at the places of rendezvous not to furlough their organizations to be interrupted during the pending crisis by enrolling officers — The necessity of the case I deem to warrant this course as we can not delay for orders from Richmond & I doubted whether you would take the responsibility of such an order

I am Maj. very respectfully
Your &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Maj P. C. Dennis
Enterprise
Miss

Macon Aug 15th 1864

Dr

The case of Mr Hall is one about which I am willing to make a detail for from Confederate Service in the usual mode I do not deem him entitled to exemption Telegraph you as to your State employees The exigency of the crisis requires every man in the field whose services can honorably be dispensed with — As to clamor about the Cotton Business Can nothing for it I will be held responsible for all the matters & said to them that I assumed the whole responsibility

respectfully
Chas Clark
Gov Miss

Gen Gholson
Lux
Jackson

Macon Aug 30th 1864

Gen

Mr Whitney & Mr Chambliss (of Jefferson Co.) Members of Capt Bootles com. will see you in relation to the status of that company — I know Mr Whitney well & can assure you that his statements may be fully relied on They seem to be uncertain as to whether they are under your orders or mine — You can decide the question by giving them such orders as you deem proper — As all state or other forces Militia included in your part of the state I place at your orders for service

The Militia South of Jefferson & Copiah and west of Pearl riv I have placed subject to orders of Brig Genl Hodge — At his request except such as may have reported to Brandon I shall be pleased to hear from you often and render you such assistance as may be in my power

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov Miss

Brig Genl W. Adams
Jackson

Executive Office
Macon Miss
Sept 1st 1864

Dear Sir

I Thursday received Journey of 29th in relation to Capt Jas M Burton — I fully concur in your opinion that his treatment was "harsh arbitrary unjust & unwarrantable". I am gratified to know that you have brought it to the attention of the Secretary of War. As he has been conscribed & placed in C. S. Military service it is not in my power to aid him except by such representations to the Military authorities as you have already made in his behalf & I hope your application may be successful, as I have no doubt it will be, the Secretary having at all times heretofore shown an earnest desire to prevent the arbitrary exercise of power in subordinates & to redress grievances when presented to him

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Col W. D. Holden
Eggpt
Miss

Macon Sept 16th 1864

Col Wm A. Strong
Warden

Col

I enclose
Inst
dispatch of Col Dennis — I had applied in writing for
the detail which is refused — Appoint an Agent at
Warden to receive & distribute the liquor — one barrel to each
County until all are Supplied — I send you enclosed a list
of the Dispensers in the Warden district who have given bond
to whom alone the liquor can be delivered on their receipts
specifying the number of Gallons — These receipts will be
vouchers to you

Keep me advised of the Amts sent
Messrs Tappan & Manlove at Brandon are agents there
Send all liquors in Charge of some Careful person who
will see to delivering & taking receipts.

Yours &c
Chas H Clark
Gov. Miss.

Macon Sept 17 1864

Genl

I am much "exercised" on the subject of state war troops &
the proper disposition to be made of them — I can not yet decide as
I am waiting for the report of Capt. Lenoir A. D. C. Gen.
The condition of those under Col. Wood as appears from their reports
of absentees is very unsatisfactory (and no fault attributed to Col
W. however) So soon as I receive Capt Lenoir's report
I will write you my views fully as to the propriety of
Consolidating or recruiting those companies — Many of
those absent without leave are doubtless subject to conscr-
iption in C. S. A and such I think should be turned over
to conscript Camps — the others collected & otherwise punished
I shall do something decisive — I am now engaged in raising
Six months State vols. & will organize them & the old
troops into Battalions & regiments for constant active duty
After Consultation with Lt. Gen. Taylor — I desire Maj.
Montgomery's old company to return to Bolivar Co — & Cameron's
Co. also if you can spare them — Please order Montgomery
to come here & see me before his company starts home — I
wish them to go down & if you will oblige me by sending
Montgomery on immediately they can get back to Bolivar
in time for the election which for satisfactory reasons is
deemed important — On the present enthusiastic feeling of the
Militia I can get them out to reenforce you at very short
notice & I think the policy I have pursued will make them
prompt & efficient — If I can retain the arms &c so as to be
ready for them I think I can raise of seven or eight thousand
good men at short notice & believe I can get 2 or 3
thousand volunteers for full duty for six months

Very respect &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Brig Gen W Adams & Jackson Miss.

Executive Office
Macon Sept 18th 1864

Genl

On my return from Greenada the enclosed papers with your endorsement of 8th inst. were laid before me — In explanation & as corroborative statements I send enclosed two letters of Col Simonton which please return retaining copies if you desire — I have no further information on the subject — I have only to add that Col. Simonton is an officer who has seen much service & his letters show that he has acted with forbearance & in Maj Hudson instead of interfering by direct orders had communicated the facts to Col. S. the matter would have been easily adjusted & he would have had no occasion for his unfounded complaints

I regret to see the Spirit manifested by the officers of this enrolling department — It is not justified by any act or order of mine. You are not unaware of the state of public opinion on the subject of the Militia & the difficulty I had & still have to make it efficient — . Not the least of these was to make the burthen uniform & to see that none were shielded from duty at the present crisis — If I had not insisted on this especially that all those who were protected from serving by details furloughs granted not by you but by the County enrolling officer should be compelled to report, it would have justly caused dissatisfaction — In this connection I call your particular attention to the conduct of one of the Captains referred to in the letter of Col. S. These companies were armed & equipped by me I request that the arms & the ordnance & the clothing in their possession be returned — All the Militia are temporarily dismissed & I hope Maj Dennis & his officers may now be enabled without further "interference" to discharge their duties & that he may be enabled to infuse into them under him, a little of that certainly & courtesy which formerly characterized his intercourse with the state Authorities

Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Brig. Gen W. L. Brandon
commanding
Enterprise
Miss

Macon. 17th 1864

Genl.

I enclose you a letter from Mr D. M. Benton. He is said does not come within my jurisdiction, nor is it in my power to give him relief — I know the fact that he was arrested & confined without charges against him & an allegation that he was a material witness in a case about to be tried. — He seems to have fallen under the displeasure of some one in power who is disposed to still oppress him. I have the assurance of some of our first citizens, that he is a man of good character & unstained reputation. This I learned while he was in prison, from which I suppose he was released, on my remonstrance against his illegal detention. — It seems as if my efforts in behalf of our citizens but increases the ire of some Confederate officers. I write to you General as a Mississippian asking you as such not as an officer to have this man's case investigated — I do not ask his discharge, but he is surely entitled (if a conscript & if his papers show that his statements are true) to be sent to his regiment.

I am Genl
Very respectfully Yours
Elias C Clark

Brig Genl. W. L. Brandon
Enterprise

Executive Office
Macon Miss. Sept. 19th 64

Hon J. A. Seddon
Secty of War

Sir

Many inquiries are made of me by citizens of Miss who were taken prisoners at Vicksburg & paroled — They were then Militia of 1st Brigade Commanded by Brig Genl Deputie Harris — Some of them have since volunteered in the cavalry Regiment of the Col. Gol. Wm Wirt Adams P. A. C. S. — Others desire to enter the service — I respectfully request of those of the state troops captured there who have been exchanged that I may inform them

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Elias C Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Sept 20th 1864

Maj Gen H. Price
Selma Ala

Sir I wrote you yesterday — To day rec'd yours of 16th inst — The arms delivered at Brandon to the Militia have been collected & are subject to the order of the Gen'l Commanding Department — No arms were taken by me except by his authority — & by delivery by his ordnance department

Respectfully Your Obdt Servt
Elias Clark Gov Miss

Macon Sept 20th 1864

Brig Genl Wm L. Brandon
Enterprise

The state of Mississippi has to defend herself in future. For this defence I propose to receive volunteers for six months, without regard to age if mustered into State service previous to enrollment or conscription. I have no doubt of my right to them "as troops of war" of the State

I am Genl very respectfully
Yours &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Sept 20th 1864

Mr Stephen McLendon
Holmesville Pike Co Miss

Sir

In answer to your letter of inquiry, I send you enclosed a copy of certificate sent me by whom it is immaterial as it is official it was not sent by Mr Lampkin

The law forbids me to appoint any one unless recommended in the form prescribed by the Judges of Probate Shff & Clerks of circuit & Probate courts. —— Your recommendation lacks the signature of the clerk of the circuit court & if you had the recommendation of every other man in Pike Co. it would not be sufficient to authorize your appointment

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Macon Sept 20th 1864

Mr. P. W. Edmundson
of Firm of Bowls Edmundson & Co
Columbus Miss

Sir on careful count & inspection of the cards rec'd from you — there are four hundred & forty eight hrs with backs & five hundred & seventy two without backs. These last are damaged but may be made serviceable. I am willing to credit you say two thirds of those without backs, eight hundred & twenty eight hrs, as delivered for agreement Please answer if this is satisfactory

Your Obt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Executive Office
Macon Sept 21 1864

Dear Sir

On my return to Macon I found your letter which I read with interest which I now desire to answer & enclose you copy of the resolution passed by the Legislature approved 13th Aug. 1864 — To enable me to appoint suitable persons to effect the object aimed at I am earnestly desirous of the advice & assistance of those who like you are manufacturing

a deep interest in the subject and intend to be present at your meeting of the 6th prox.

I earnestly desire that the ministers of the Gospel of all the churches, should unite on some plan of cooperation with the State as the Head & founder.

The Rev. G. C. Harris of Madison co. some time last Spring & before your late meeting in Columbus, opened a correspondence with me, the result of which was, that he should correspond with the ministers of Religion, in the State & in my name request them & all who favored the cause, to assemble for consultation at Jackson at some convenient day. An accident having happened by which he was severely injured, delayed his action & hence this call seems to ignore the action proposed at Columbus. I hope that concert of action may yet be had — The subject is of the first magnitude & importance, the field extensive & will require the united energy of all the pious & charitable of the Land

The harvest is indeed great, but may we not humbly trust in the goodness of Him without whom we can do nothing, that he will become the Lord of this Harvest — also & send his laborers into it.

I am my dear sir with the highest consideration Your Obdt. Servant

Chas Clark (Gov.)

Rev. R. Payne
Bishop of Mo. E. Church
Aberdeen Miss

Macon Sept. 21st 1864

Brig Genl W. Adams & Genl
Jackson I desire to send Maj Montgomery with his old Co. & that of Lt. J. R. Cameron to Bolivar Co for duty there & have given him such orders — The other companies will remain in your command & can if you see proper be temporarily assigned to Maj Stubbs or Taylor's Battalion — I expect in a few days to see Lt Gen. Taylor & have a definite understanding as to the positions of the State troops — Until then I hope you can make use of them. Much complaint is made in Jefferson Co of the conduct of Capt Rouths Co, I hope you may find it convenient to replace by another & order it up to Stubbs or Peyton. — I have the report of the inspection & find there is need for a court Martial & change of officers — I shall soon take some decided steps without a counter if the officers show no improvement. I shall be pleased if you will order copies of the weekly reports to be sent to me

I am Genl Very Respectfully
Yours
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

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Macon Sept 26 1864

Col L. A. Phillips
Genl Salt Agent
State Line Depot
Miss

Col I have appointed Wm H Douglas agent for the County of Adams to distribute the funds to the destitute families there being no acting board of Police in that County I also authorize him to receive of you the proportion of Salt for that County, to act in receipt & distribution of it the same as the President of the Board of Police The Auditor reports the number of Beneficiarys in that county at Six hundred & eighty five.

Mr Douglas will pay for the Salt at the rate fixed & receipt to you for the Salt

Yours &c
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Macon Sept 27th 1864

Dear Sir

I recd several days since yours letter enclosing Copy of the Affidavit & warrant in the Strickland case Where is Strickland? Should not the Sheff or other officer having the warrant apply to me for the demand for the Prisoner? This I deem the proper course To whom else could he be delivered or who else is entitled to his custody

Yours &c
Chas Clark

Hon L. C. Houston
Aberdeen
Miss

Macon Sept 27 1864

Col. The case of Wiley Bullard was brought to my attention some months since with a statement of the evidence & did not then deem it a case of executive clemency — The penalty inflicted (six months imprisonment) I deem extremely lenient & unless a full statement from the Judge or District Atty, is sent me shewing a modified state of facts I can not consent to interpose. I regret the inconvenience to the Public from the loss of this mill, but the reckless disregard of life & property lately manifested requires a rigid enforcement of the laws as a public necessity

I am Col very respectfully
Your friend & obd Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. of Miss

Col D. A. Orr
Buena Vista
Miss

Macon Sept 27 1864

Genl. Mr. D. D. Sherman who will hand you this letter is the partner of Messrs Baskerville & Whitfield with whom I have contracted to furnish cotton cards & medicines for the benefit of Destitute families of Soldiers in this state. The matter is of vital importance to the army as well as to the people. They can not be clothed without the implements of manufacture which are now at such prices as to be beyond the reach of the industrious poor. Mr S. will if you wish shew you the contracts of Messrs B. W. & Co & the authority under which I contracted with them. The parties are of the highest character are acting as agents of the State & I believe with clean hands — — — I hope for the interests involved you will give them all the facilities necessary - I was to meet Lt. Genl. Taylor at Meridian this evening & should have stated the matter to him But by telegram just received the interview is postponed to enable him to meet the President

I am Genl Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Brig. Gen Hodge
Commanding
E. La & S. W. Miss

Macon 28th Sept 1864

Mrs Mary A. Christian
Forrest Station Miss

Mrs Christian

So far as your letter relates to your overseer & the Asst you ask that is a matter over which I have no control. It belongs to the C. S. Government. The want of health of your husband is a question for the Surgeons appointed to investigate such cases. I can not exempt any one unless they certify that he is unfit for duty. It indeed seems hard that men should be taken from their families & the field, to save our liberties & property every thing dear to us is involved it requires now that all capable of bearing arms should be ready at the call of their country, or all will be lost I must do my duty and expect all others to do theirs As to your husbands business with Dr Madden, I know nothing. I do not know that Dr Madden is engaged by the state or the Confederacy. I suppose he is making salt & getting well paid for it. You have a large number of slaves, you can not think that this is a reason for the exemption of your husband. The same property by a man has the same he should do for the defence of his property & the Government which protects it.

I am Madam very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Sept 28th 1864

Capt Joshua Green
Jackson Miss

Yours of the 24th inst & statements of Capt McFarland recd. The explanation relieves you from censure as you acted according to Col McFarlands order. The substitution however should not be extended so far as to relieve the parties from duty as soldiers. Such substitution would be odious & bring discredit into on the service

Very respectfully Your
Obdt Servt Chas Clark
Gov Miss

Macon Sept 28th 1864

Gen. Forrest

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Very respectfully Your
Obdt Servt Chas Clark
Gov Miss

Macon Sept. 30th 1864

Genl.

I do not think it proper at the present time to turn over to the C. S. Army any of the state troops. I desire to organize all under your command into a regiment or to order other companies now forming & make 2 or 3 regiments. Not having received copies of their weekly reports I was not aware of their loose & unsatisfactory condition while they were inspected by Capt Lenoir.

His report shows the necessity of my particular attention to some of the officers which I shall shortly pay them I hope Genl you will cause rigid discipline to be enforced & hold the Majors & Captains responsible. I have the power of removal without Court Martial & am disposed to exercise it promptly. I have received a telegram from Lt. Genl Taylor requesting me to return all the arms except such as I need to arm the State Volunteers. I accordingly ordered Col J. D. Stewart to turn over to Col. Crow, is authorized to receive them, the nine hundred & fifty Enfields at Brandon. I shall in a few days see Genl. Taylor & will have a full understanding as to the disposition arming &c of the State Volunteers Now forming. I will then proceed to reorganize & place in better status the regular State Troops & will communicate with you again on the subject In the mean time I hope you will make the best use of those under your command

Very truly Yours &c
Chas Clark Gov. Miss.

Brig. Genl W. Adams
Jackson Miss

Macon Oct 4th 1864.

Wm F. Moore Esqr
Warden Ala Pen.

Demopolis Ala Sir Several days since I received your claim against the State for expenses of Mississippi convicts in Penetentiary of Ala — So soon as I can correspond with with Superintendent of the Penetentiary (I do not know where he now is) I will send him to Ala to adjust the Acct. which should have been done before

Very respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Oct 5th 1864

Brig Genl Wm L Brandon
Columbus Miss

Genl

Enclose herewith the letter of J. P. Ware & W. D. Bibb of Rankin Co. in reference to the case of A. E. Martin a justice of the Peace of that Co. The letter was only recd today — a note from Maj Dennis enclosed shows that the Maj has forgotten his correspondence with me as to this matter, I have replied to the parties by telegram that the proper remedy is by "Habeas Corpus", but perhaps on investigation of the facts you may release Mr Martin if I understand in camp at Enterprise

Very Respectfully Genl
Your Obd Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

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Macon Miss Oct 9th 64

Lt. Gen'l Gay Cor
Com'g Depart.

Gen! I enclose herewith a letter received yesterday from Hon J. E. Mathews and ask your interposition & orders in the premises. As I earnestly desire that there may be no collision between the civil & Military authorities. The Provost Marshal, has been guilty of a criminal offence against the law for which he is liable to arrest & Trial which can only be prevented by your early rebuke of his conduct.

Dear Gen!
Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas. Clark.
Gov. of Miss.

Macon Oct 9 1864

Lt Robt Reeds
Jackson
Miss

Sir Yours of 6th inst is received No report accompanies it. The question stated should be submitted to the board of Trustees The Contingent Fund can not be drawn, but upon a full report of the condition & necessities of the Asylum & recommendation of the Trustees. As to the parties you desire detailed, make application to the Quartermaster Officer, with approbation of the Trustees. If refused I will use my influence in the proper quarter, My absence for several days has caused such an accumulation of business, as prevents an extended reply at present. But you shall at all times have all the aid I can afford.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Chas Clarke
Gov. Miss

Executive Office
Frankfort Ky Nov 28 1861

Sir

I have sent for the means to clothe the State troops with clothing. All the manufactoring establishments both of clothing & shoes are impressed by the C.S. They impress every thing at their own valuation, & can sell seldom purchase anything & if I impress it must be at valuation the other day unless you can clothe our men I must disband or furlough them. I cannot even procure a blanket & shall not be able to even say them. I depended on a contract made in August last for the printing of State notes & Shannon will probably interfere with my financial arrangements, Unless therefore you can take their troops & feed clothe & pay them I fear that their services will be lost. I have about twenty six mounted companies & two infantry regts. organized but their rolls not yet rec'd, I think the most of them would go into confederate service if they could be accepted in the present Corps & they can be retained in their present organization if clothed & paid by the C.S while in its service. A large majority are not liable to Conscription & very many not subject to enrollment in the reserves, boys under 17 & men over 50. It would be bad policy to disband them at this Crisis. I send you enclosed Copies of my Proclamation & of my Circular to Sheriffs. I fear that many deserters are coming in. If I could follow this up by vigorous measures it could be made effectual, I sent two companies of Cavalry to Christian County, There was no C.S officer there Commanding & whom they could detach & I shall have to withdraw them for the want of forage, There are more deserters there than Christian. It is estimated that four hundred are in that County, I believe there are that & half that number & a large number of them armed & organized bands.

I should be pleased to hear from you in regard to the State troops. Should not the C.S pay for the time they are in C.S service. Several Companies have been in that service for months. This day is now due and their pay rolls being made out, should not the rolls be made against the C.S. All the State troops are now in C.S service & nearly C.S officers except the Companies not fully organized. The Militia called out at your request have not been paid They were called for C.S Service & I Cannot pay them. In case you again call for the Militia it will be necessary that you make provisions for their rations & forage. They will be allowed to report to such C.S Commanders

& at such future as you may direct.
I should have written to the Sec'y of War in regard to the Salt works, but this is now unnecessary. I presume you will take the responsibility & if so Gen Beauregard, I respectfully request my Order.

I am Gen'l
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servt
Chas L. Clark.
Gov of Miss

My Gov of Jany
Cl Tarbig
Clerk

Filleon Mex 7 1864

Sir

The inclosed draft of Ordinance Secession has just been called for. I ordered C.C. Patton Chancellor & Clerk to Rendezvous "Lt Militia in Stead of Brandon as previously ordered" This was to have been constructed by them into accordance to Ordinance & not of their Assumption, & such was not intended.

The Call was made to a different line necessarily as I returned the others for the reasons stated in the Proclamation.

Let to ground of you can go to Meridian or not as you choose

Respectfully &c
Chas Clarke
Gov Miss

Lt Col Mudd
Chairman &c
Com Notice of this

Executive Office
Macon Dec 8th 1864

Hon J. D. Wharton Att. Gen'l
Jackson Miss

I send you enclosed a communication from the Q. M. Gen'l & ask your opinion on the question involved. I am inclined to concur with the Q. M. Gen'l but desire your advice. The question arises on the claim of the Cahl adjt. Gen'l, for commutation for Quarters & fuel. Please return the papers enclosed with your opinion

I am Gen'l
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

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Endorsement on letter of Major Binns to Genl Maury

Executive Office Macon Miss Dec 9th 1864

Maj Genl. Maury

Permits were granted by order of Lt. Genl S. D. Lee to be endorsed by me to carry out cotton & things in goods of prime necessity for the State. The parties to whom they were endorsed & delivered were all under bond & oath to use them for no other purpose than as per their contract for the use of the State. — As these orders of Genl Lee are supposed to be revoked by the Genl order of Lt Genl Taylor, I ask that they be renewed by private order & to insure this I respectfully suggest that they be placed under supervision of Maj Binns.

Very Respectfully &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

P. S

I suggest a private order as the publication may interfere with the performance

C. C

Executive Office
Macon Miss Dec 17th 1864

Lt Genl R. Taylor
Meridian

It is important to the Service that the Militia should not be retained a day longer than absolutely necessary especially so near the holidays. I hope you may find it compatible with the interest of the Service —

If so please order them mustered out

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

W H Mangum Esqr
Yazoo City

Macon Jan 5th 1865

Sir the order to discharge the militia refers to those over 50 years as well as others — If men over 50 years will organize & do militia duty under your orders without pay they will be credited in future calls for the number of days that you officially certify they have served & on these terms may be mustered by you

Very Respectfully &c

Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss Dec 23 1864

Hon J. A. Greenhow
Secty of Treasury &c &
Richmond Va

Sir enclosed herewith I send copy of receipt of Hon James Whitfield for Bonds & certificates the property of the State of Mississippi to be funded in 4 per ct coupon Bonds under act of Congress of 14th & 15th Jan last & the act of the Legislature of this State requiring me to fund said sums in such bonds

I respectfully request that at as early a day as possible Said bonds may be furnished to Jas Whitfield for Said purpose & that he be directed to allow in the bonds the interest on the Amounts deposited from the dates of the certificates & according to their tenor --

As these Bonds are required to be sold in the Market- I desire that the bonds shall be in equal amounts of 100$ & 500$ or in denominations not exceeding $500 each

I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the act of the Legislature of Aug 1864 & refer you to the Statute on page 123

I am Sir.
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas Clarke
Gov Miss

Jas J. A. Whiting
Keeper of Capitol
Jackson Miss

Macon Jan 6th 1865

Sir The Statute requires that the Librarian shall from time to time make out & keep an accurate Catalogue of the books & (See R Code page 153). If no inventory has been made by the former Librarian & furnished to you, it is your duty nevertheless to make out the inventory without an order to that effect & furnish a copy receipted to the Pres't of the Board (& the Gov.) to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State

You will please do so without delay

Very Respectfully
Chas Clarke
Gov. Miss

Macon Jan 7th 1865-

Genl Wm L. Brandon
Enterprise Genl In answer to inquiry of Capt Brown
of 6th inst I reply that I am required by law to issue commissions to all persons elected to office— Commissions have already been issued to all persons elected at the late general election.

The question of eligibility is not for me to determine. I have not made demand for the discharge of any one & it is therefore to state in advance that such discharges will not be allowed, I shall approve the application for such discharges as I deem the interest of the State requires & leave the party to their remedy before the Judiciary & the responsibility of refusal to secty of war I recollect but two cases in which I have yet made recommendation for discharge: these were elected assessors of taxes & both with surgeons' certificates of disability

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svnt
Chas Clark
Gov. of Miss

Macon. Jan 21st 1865.

Sir

The Legislature meets on the 20th of Feb nxt. I desire a report from you as State Librarian of the books &c. in the Library, to be submitted— Also as Keeper of the Capitol, of the condition of the buildings furniture &c showing the repairs made & cost thereof, & the repairs required & estimated cost.

Very Respectfully Sir
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

F. Whiting Esq.
Keeper of the Capitol
Jackson. Miss.

Macon Jan 20th 1865

Col.

The Legislature will assemble at Columbus on the 20th of Feb nxt. Can you not send me a good report of the operations of the Salt Works. I desire a special report of Capt. Brown's accounts, as the Legislature will not permit further delay by him in settling.

Be at Columbus yourself if possible — with full statements of Salt operations to give information to members—

Very respectfully
Yours Sir
Chas Clark
Gov of Miss

Col J. A. Billups
Gen Salt Agent
Mobile Line — M & O. Rail Road
Miss

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Macon Jan 30th 1865.

Sir

The offences charged to have been committed by parties in Simpson co. by the murder of Jas. Rodgers & the robbery of G. M. Coens are offences against the criminal laws & triable only in the civil courts — The officer bearing the warrants in his possession shown (if he fears that force will be used to prevent arrest) proceed immediately to Jackson present his warrants to Maj Genl Martin under whose jurisdiction as Military commander the parties now & demand the delivery of the offenders to answer to the civil authorities — Genl Martin will (as he is bound by regulations to) arrest the offenders & deliver them up, when they must be proceeded against precisely as other offenders — Their being in Military Service makes no difference

It is your duty as Sheriff to proceed forthwith in this matter upon the issuance of the warrants If the parties charged are in some other county you will see the law in such case in Revised Code of 1857 page 627 article 333

Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Svnt
Chas. Clark
Gov. Miss

B. F. Brown esqr
Sheff of Simpson co
Westville Miss

Macon Jan 31st, 65

Lt-Genl R. Taylor
Meridian

Genl. Enclosed I send copy of a telegram from Col Brent — Genl Beauregard seems to concur in your views as stated in your letter rec'd to-day & I propose to adopt your suggestions. Can the Militia receive rations & forage in their counties & from whom. It will be necessary that this be definitely stated in the call — I take it for granted that they will be paid by the C. S. Shall they be mustered by & report to commdts of conscripts in the several counties or to by whom — I understand that several Regiments of C. S troops have been verbally furloughed & are at home without any written leave — When does their time expire — This might create some difficulty as I propose to make it the business of the Militia to apprehend all who are absent without leave & of all liable to enrollment or conscription

Recd. answer from Genl Brandon that he would consult with you as to the transfer of state troops The sooner it is done the better

Yours Genl very Respectfully
Yours &c
Chas C Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Geo Feb 2nd 1865-

Hon Milton Brown
Pres. M & O. R.R.

You will oblige me by causing statement to be transmitted to me of the Amount of stock owned by the State of Mississippi in the M. & O. R. R. with the date & amt of each certificate

I have the honor to be Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt &c
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Endorsement on back of letter received from Col C. A. Taylor Senator from Yishamingo, on the 11th Feb 1865 & forwarded on same day to Lt Genl R. Taylor -at Meridian

Respectfully referred to Lt. Gen Taylor, & earnestly recommended to his immediate attention.— The facts are not overstated & from a most reliable source. I have sent the order of Gen Thomas referred to & approved by Maj Gen N. B. Forest. The relief should be granted by the Military authorities even to the assumption of power— I shall call the attention of the Legislature to the distress; but this relief will be slow. I could impress the cars but have no power over the employees

Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Executive Office
Macon Geo. 13th 1865

His Excellency
Gov. Watts
Montgomery Ala Gov" I have had under consideration the propriety of granting discharges to some of the Mississippi convicts in your Penitentiary, whose time of service will expire in two or three years; but should be pleased to receive the opinion of your warden & Genl Inspectors—. Will you please to request them to state whether any of the convicts are deserving or could be made useful in the C. S. Army on release & promise of full pardon at the end of the war if receiving an honorable discharge

I am Gov. with highest respects
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Miss
Feb 13th 1865.

Maj Gen'l Forrest
West Point Miss

Gen'l

Hearing that you were a
expected in Macon, I hoped ere this to have had the pleas
of meeting you & regret that you do not make your Hd. Qr
with us — I do not know why Gen'ls Taylor & Brandon de
sirous of the State troops —, I offered long since to turn
them over with their present organizations (subject to reor
-ganization & consolidation as others). — Gen'l B. said
had no authority to receive them without eliminating fro
them all subject to conscription or enrolment & sending them
to the conscript camps & to the Reserves — This would
take all the officers in one direction & most of the men
in another & the result would be dissatisfaction & desert
-ion. — Besides there are very many of them who would go
with their companies if turned over as I propose, but n
being subject to military duty could not be turned over with
their consent — If you can receive them I will give
orders accordingly — There are eleven companies (Lt Col
Dibbs Battalion) reporting to & under orders of Gen'l W. Adams
Capt Dass' company (now as I am informed at Aberdeen)
Cavalry under orders of Genl Gardner —, Blythe's Battalion
three companies (of which I have no muster rolls) & Hodge
Battalion four companies (Capt Ingrams having lately joined
it) (All these are reporting to C. S. Officers & are subject to
your orders as commander of all the cavalry.
Maj Montgomery has two companies in Bolivar and
Sunflower counties reporting to me — That region of
country needs their protection & I very much desire
them to be retained there if possible — They have done
good service — I propose to unite Stutts Battalion &
Montgomery's two companies (six all 13 cos) & consolidate
them with Capt W. S Yerger as Col. Stutts Lt. Col. &
Montgomery as Maj — Some time since gave the appo
-intment of Col to Yerger but he has not yet accepted, w
however accept on transfer — He is a gallant & accom-
-plished officer & as I am informed has been promised
promotion So soon as he can get a regiment —
Before transfer they should be mustered for discharge &
for the pay due them from the C. S. as they will doubtless
be immediately consolidated — There are a no. of vacan
-cies to be filled for in view of the transfer I have not
for several months authorized any vacancy to be filled
If you can accept them you can order them to any point
you please for muster & transfer & I will send staff offic
to meet you in the transfer & to receive or turn over the
the State arms & property as may be agreed on
Capt Hodges & Maj Blythe's Commands are (were lately in

North west Miss reporting to Gen[l] Martin & under the immediate orders of Col Dennis as I am informed I hope the Legislature (to meet next week) will enable me to make the militia efficient for the apprehension of deserters &c

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Charles Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon Miss Feb 14 1865

Lt Gen[l] Taylor
Meridian

Gen[l] I send my 2 M. Gen[l] to Meridian to consult with the Chief Q. M & Commissary on the subject of forage & rations for the militia — He fully understands the difficulties involved & can explain them more fully than a letter — Corn Meal & other Subsistance can not be had except by purchase & impressment & the Militia are generally poor men who have not the money to advance — I have therefore approved an estimate for the commutation for one month in advance — The month of March is estimated for as on acct of the nearness of the time for the meeting of the Legislature I thought it best not to make the call until they met — as I should ask them to extend the time of service & make other changes to render the service more efficient — Also to remove the doubt whether I have the power to call them except in case of an emergency arising from a present invasion

It will be necessary that the arms lent by the State & now at Meridian should be returned & some ammunition will be required, but not a large amount —

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Charles Clark
Gov. Miss

written on phone

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Braxton Miss Feb 15 1865

Genl

I receive yours of 13 inst— I wrote you the day before as to the State troops They are all under your orders & you can order them to what point you think best for Tuesday on the 28th inst on which day I will transfer or discharge them The commands being in west & Northwest Miss I suppose that they be mustered at Grenada under supervision of the mustering officers Genls Adams & Wright of Maj Montgomery's two companies in Benton & Simpsonville counties have not been in C.S. Service No complaint has ever reached me from any one in regard to them except from some Buckaneering runners in the Swamp whose illegal practices they interfered with I last summer ordered them out of the under Genl Adams for a few weeks & ordered them back upon the application of the citizens & the earnest representations of the Members of the Board of Police — They however have also been notified of their transfer or discharge & will be disposed of as I mentioned in my letter of 13th inst — I am anxious (more so it seems than the C.S. officers to have these troops disposed of) I fear however that they will be recalled by the effort to transfer in the manner of Gen Brandon that is (In haste for the day)

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Maj Genl Forrest—
West Point

Executive Office
March 13th 1865

Hon J. J. McCarthy
Att. Genl. Jackson Miss

Dear Sir You endorsed a copy of a bill passed by the senate & House of Representatives at the late Session — It is signed by the Speakers & I have sent to the president of the Sen. for his signature & will approve it when so signed The two houses without joint order of adjournment & without disagreeing on the Question of adjournment dissolved themselves (I suppose by their Several orders) on the 9th inst— leaving Several bills that had passed both Houses without the signatures of the presiding Officers — If this bill is signed by the Pres. of the Senate & approved by me will it have the force & effect of a law— Unless your opinion is clear in the affirmative, I do not propose to issue or sell the State bonds as I am aware of the delicate & embarrassing position in which I might hereafter place the County — The State Treasury is empty— I have no immediate means of replenishing it except by the sale of the Confederate certificates & bonds (to amount of near Nine hundred thousand dollars) now in the treasury & Sale of State bonds — Asking an early reply I remain very Respectfully Your Obdt Servt — Chas Clark Gov Miss

Macon Miss
March 23. 1863-

Dear Sir!

Hospital Steward W. R. Poindexter of Macon aged 45 years has been my Private Secretary for detail for that purpose for several months. He is so well qualified & so thoroughly acquainted with the arrangements of papers & books & the details of the office, that I assure you I can not dispense with his services. I gave up my former Secretary to the Military Service as he was a young man & selected Mr Poindexter, on account of his age & health-& filling him for active service. I earnestly desire to retain him & hope his detail may be extended to such time as his services are required by me.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Chas Clarke
Gov of Miss.

Surgeon P. B. Scott
Medical Director
Meridian Miss

Executive Office
Macon Miss
March 23rd 1863-

Gen'l

I have the honor herein to enclose you the joint resolutions of the Senate & House of Representatives of Mississippi Hearing Such the pleasure of knowing you personally — serving under your orders in the first year of the war, & appreciating the justice of the encomiums on your character & the appropriation of your conduct expressed in these resolutions I am most cordially approved by me.

I remain Gen,
With sentiments of the highest
esteem & consideration
Your obt. Svt.
Chas Clarke
Gov of Miss

Gen Joseph E. Johnston
C. S. A.

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Macon Miss March 29th 1865

Dear Sir

Messrs. Bowles, Edmondson & Co furnished to the State about 10000 pcs cotton cards part with & part without backs — You are aware of all the facts as developed in the examination a few weeks since. No privilege can be granted them such as was contracted for to carry out contract & it seems but just that the State should pay a reasonable price for the cards & this I wish to do Therefore request you in conjunction with one to be selected by them & a third by yourself & the third to act as adviser as to the amount that should be paid by me for the cards that have been distributed So much per pair for each Kind — I understand that, Messrs Bowles & Co only carried out 4 cases They will show you the Contract ~~& they~~ These cards have nearly all been distributed to the counties of Pickahunga Pike Pontotoc Alcorn & the counties South of the S & R. & R & east of Pearl River for Soldiers families gratuitously

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Hon A. Bradock
Columbus Miss

Macon Mch 29 1865

Dear

Mr Jno. Sibley residing in Macon near the bridge, complains of the destruction of his property by the Soldiers camped near him. — They destroy his fences & Stock — These troops are in U.S. Service & not under my control — I request that you take measures to prevent further injury to his property & to have damages assessed as provided for in Regulations & in such case

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov Miss

May Bidwell
Commanding Post
Macon Miss

Executive Office Macon April 1st 65

Lt. Gen R. Taylor
Meridian Miss

Gen! Gen R. E. Lees amnesty proclamation was published in the papers of Miss on the 4th March — but in the publication there is not it seems to me sufficient notice of the time when the twenty days commences & I fear it is not understood: for the original date of the order is published & nothing but the printer's mark (March 14th 65) shows the actual date of its publication in your department This will cause much execration by the ignorant & illiterate

I respectfully request that you publish an order on the subject & would suggest that it would avail much for the Service, if you could so order that the date of the commencement of your order should only be this day of the date of your order — I write this after consultation with some of our best citizens as a means of making the efforts of the Militia & other troops now about to be sent to arrest deserters more effective

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Macon April 23 1865.

Dear Sir

I send you enclosed copy of a petition this day received by me. It is my custom to refer all such to the Judge & district Atty when not signed by them. A statement contained in this as to yourself (& which I do not credit) requires that I should transmit the enclosed copy to you

I am Judge with great consideration
Your Obdt Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

Judge R. L. Hudson

Dear Sir

Macon April 23rd 1865.

I received this morning the petition in favor of E. A Shine for remission of penalties in certain cases vs him signed by yourself & others — I require in cases not signed by the Judge and District Atty a statement of the case from them. — and have sent a copy of the petition to, Judge Hudson for his statement —. If one can be had from the District Atty it will be considered. also any proofs of the allegations of the petition especially of the one relating to the Judge himself is extraordinary a character as to require positive evidence before it can have weight —. Copies of the judgement will also be required It will add to defendants claims to consideration to prove that he wholly discontinued distillation in 1863 — His precarious condition character & standing in Society the loss of his sons in the army his losses of property &c are also important items to be considered.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servt
Chas Clark
Gov. Miss

J. H. Williams Esqr
Clk of Circt court
&
J. L Lattis
Clk of Prob. court
Kosciusko
Attala Co
Miss